personal staff after the 1st Session of 10th Lok Sabha; and

(c) the name of the countries and the purpose of their visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The news-item has been seen.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Increase in Domestic Fuel

1621. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for increasing the domestic production of fuel both conventional and non-conventional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Government has taken number of steps for increasing the domestic production of conventional and non-conventional fuels. For harnessing of non-conventional energy sources with a view to increase availability and conservation of fuel, research and development, demonstration and dissemination efforts are ongoing in the areas of Solar Energy, Biomass, Biogas, Improved Chulhas etc. Under the disemination programmes 107.30 lakh Impvoed Chulhas, 14.53 lakh biogas plants, 1.99 lakh solar cookers and 0.20 lakh different types of Solar Thermal Systems have been installed throughout the country.

For increasing green cover and production of woodfuel Government has taken up a programme on afforestation under the 20 Point Programme and during the Seventh Five Year Plan period alone afforestation over 8.8 million hectares has been carried out. R&D efforts are also underway to maximise productivity of fuelwood species per unit area per unit time aiming at developing a package of practice for potential fast growing fuelwood species suitable for plantation under a given set of agro-climatic conditions.

In order to meet the domestic fuel requirement, Government has started a mission to set up 1000 Special Smokeless Fuel units/ briquetting plants based on coal at the rate of 2 per District. Coal linkage for these units would be provided by the coal companies. 100 coal dumps are also proposed to be set up in different parts of the country for increasing total availability to domestic and small consumers.

Efforts are being made to increase the indigenous production of crude oil to around 47 million tonnes per annum by the year 1996-97 as against the current production of around 33 million tonnes per annum. It is also proposed to increase the production of natural gas to around 83 million cu.mtrs. per day by the year 1996-97 as against the current production of about 49 million cu.mtrs per day.

[*Translation*]

Free Advertisements for Handicrafts through Government Media

1622. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide free advertisement through Government media like Doordarshan for items produced by handicraft artisans and small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, as per the Government's policy, small scale industries are given the benefit of 15% discount in the advertisement rates if they book their advertisements directly with Doordarshan and not through advertising agencies. It is also the Doordarshan's policy to give preferential bookings in favour of small scale industries.

News-Item Captioned 'Bangladesh' Nagrikon Ko Lekar Suraksha Bal, Railway Police Main Tanav'

1623. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Bangladeshi Nagrikon Ko Lekar Suraksha Bal, Railway Police Main Tanav' appearing in Hindi daily Dainik Jagaran dated November 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government against the forcible deportation of non-Indians through 'Samjhouta Express; and

(c) the procedure being adopted by the Government for the screening of passengers coming from Pakistan to India in 'Samjhouta Express'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's concern and objection regarding pushing into India of non-Indians has been conveyed suitably to the Govt. of Pakistan.

(c) Under the law relating to foreigners, only foreigners having valid travel documents, including Indian visas, are allowed to come to India from Pakistan in 'Samjhouta Express'. Those who do not have valid travel documents are refused entry. Instructions have been issued to the concerned agencies to effectively take action against illegal entrants immediately upon detection at the border.

[*English*]

Cultural Invasion by Cable TV and Satellite Broadcast

1624. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cable TV and 24 hour satellite broadcast beamed from abroad are causing a cultural invasion in India;

(b) whether there are massive losses in viewership particularly in Metropolitan areas;

(c) whether Doordarshan has sponsored some independant audience research surveys to ascertain the exact extent of loss of viewership; and

(d) if so, the details of the programmes planned by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no discernible evidence to this effect.

(c) No, Sir.